

MORE FORTS TAKEN BY THE JAPANESE

Besiegers Captured Number of Important Positions in Second Line of Defences at Port Arthur.

Hand-to-Hand Fight in the Trenches--Chinese Report That Attacking Force Lost 3,000--The Japs Now Control City's Water Supply.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—(12.25 a. m.)—A correspondent of the Associated Press writes from Mukden under date of September 24th that the greatest uncertainty prevails there as to whether Gen. Kouroupatkin will accept or refuse battle with the Japanese.

Another Associated Press correspondent telegraphs from Harbin on the same date and says that it is reported that a Japanese column is moving up the Liao river and threatening T'ien pass. Meanwhile the advance of the main Japanese force continues extremely slow.

THE JAPANESE ARE FORTIFYING LIAO YANG.

Mukden, Sept. 24.—The situation here cannot be definitely stated, as the reports bring forth conflicting reports, on one day it being said that the Russians expect the Japanese to attack, and the next that the Russians are forming the offensive. According to a Chinese report received, the Japanese are actively engaged in fortifying Liao Yang and have completely demolished the railroad bridge across the Tsiaie river, of which the Russians only succeeded in burning the woodwork.

NO FIGHTING ON THURSDAY OF FRIDAY.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—A dispatch from Gen. Kouroupatkin dated yesterday, announces that not any of the Russian detachments were engaged during Thursday. Gen. Kouroupatkin also reports that all was quiet along the entire front yesterday.

The Associated Press learns on unquestionable authority that Major-General Orloff, whose precipitous leaving Yantai to join in the attack on the heights on September 19th, exposed Gen. Kouroupatkin's left flank and necessitated the abandonment of Yantai, will be detached from the Manchurian army, and given another command in European Russia, or perhaps he may be retired. The detachment of Gen. Orloff was ordered by Gen. Kouroupatkin, who has full power to do so without resorting to a court-martial. The official report that Brigadier-General Fomin, of Gen. Orloff's division, was dead, and the subsequent development that he is only severely wounded, reveals the extent of confusion into which Orloff's division was thrown. Gen. Fomin is in the hospital at Harbin.

Gen. Kouroupatkin has just presented colors to the ninth Siberian division commanded by Gen. Konratovich, which was formed just before the war. There was no time previously to prepare colors for this division, which fought bravely at Wafangwei with little loss.

The rumor that Gen. Stakelberg was included in the disgrace of Major-General Orloff is not true. Gen. Konratovich amended his original report, in which he criticized Gen. Stakelberg, and now exonerated the latter from all blame for the Russian reverse at Yantai, adding that Gen. Stakelberg displayed the greatest bravery.

PARIS STORY OF ASSAULT IS DENIED.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—There is no truth in the story published by the Matin, of Paris, this morning to the effect that telegram reached the Emperor at 4 o'clock this morning announcing that the Japanese were engaged in a general assault on Port Arthur and that the whole of Admiral Togo's and Vice-Admiral Kamimura's squadrons were aiding in the struggle, which, it was further asserted, it was feared here would be final.

A pathetic echo of the battle of Liao Yang is related by a Russian correspondent. Gen. Marston and his wife, Harbin were taken to a Chinese hut in which they were sitting. Marston's young and beautiful wife, who had volunteered as a Sister of Mercy, had just arrived at Liao Yang. By the strange irony of fate she was sent out to attend her dying husband. Marston lived for hours, suffering terribly agony. His whole body was torn by shrapnel. His wife, who never left his side, followed her husband to the grave. The sight moved hardened veterans to tears.

FIFTEEN THOUSAND SICK AND WOUNDED.

Tsintan, Sept. 24.—Advices received here say that there are fifteen thousand sick and wounded at Port Arthur.

RUMORS OF CHOLERA AT PORT ARTHUR.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 24.—Although no confirmation has been received up to 5.10 p. m. after the war office or the admiralty of the report from Tsintan that cholera had broken out at Port Arthur, it is admitted that possibly it is true owing to the terrible unsanitary conditions among the forces arising from the number of decaying corpses there.

But until confirmation is received the Tsintan dispatch will not be given out to the press in order to avoid giving needless alarm to the relatives of the brave defenders. The announcement, none the less, has caused the deepest concern. The chief danger lies in the overcrowded Chinese quarters, but it is believed that comparatively few natives are left at Port Arthur. It is pointed out that if the epidemic despite all precautions obtains a foothold it is likely to affect the Japanese as well as the Russians.

The admiralty has not yet received any confirmation of the report that vessels of the Vladivostok squadron have put to sea.

STEAMER DELAYED BY THE JAPANESE.

Chefoo, Sept. 24.—The steamer Victoria, which arrived here this evening from Newchang, heard two hours' heavy firing at Port Arthur this morning, the firing being on the east side of the city. The steamer was twice stopped by Japanese warships, but was only briefly delayed.

HAVE REACHED SECOND LINE OF DEFENCES.

Tokio, Sept. 25.—11 a. m.—It is believed here that the Japanese have captured the second line of the second line of defences at Port Arthur since September 19th. The hope of a speedy reduction of the fortress is running high.

JAPS CAPTURED FORTS—LOSS 3,000 MEN.

Chefoo, Sept. 25.—10.30 p. m.—As the result of a battle before Port Arthur, which began September 19th, the Japanese succeeded in capturing several important positions, and to-day the Russian forces are fighting in the rearward, north, northeast and northwest sides of the town is seriously threatened.

Chinese information places the Japanese losses under \$1,000 for the three days' fighting, and this comparatively small casualties list is due to the excessive care used by the Japanese in making their preparations for the advance.

Russian sources, however, claim to have information that the Japanese losses were unusually severe, amounting to nearly three times that number mentioned above.

Possibly the most important fighting was that of Port Kouroupatkin, which, while of minor value with regard to prevention of the entrance into the town of Japanese, had been constructed for the purpose of protecting the south of the garrison and water supply. The Russian sources, however, claim to have information that the Japanese losses were unusually severe, amounting to nearly three times that number mentioned above.

CONTROL OF THE WATER SUPPLY IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE JAPANESE.

As was announced in these dispatches on September 20th, the battle before Port Arthur on September 19th. At this hour the citizens and garrison of Port Arthur, after the enjoyment of weeks of comparative security, awoke to the thunderous echoes of artillery along the line extending from the west of Liao mountains to Rihling and Kikwan mountains.

This was but a preface to the assault which was destined to result in the capture of three new and important Russian positions, together with six small but important forts lying between Shanhsien and Rihling mountains.

During the day and night of the 19th and until noon of the 20th the bombardment continued without cessation, and the many shells falling from quarters which previously had been silent made it obvious that the Japanese had at last succeeded either in mounting many heavy guns in new positions, or in strengthening their old positions. Infantry fighting during the period was comparatively trivial.

At noon on September 20th, the Japanese right and centre, the former being to the west, and the latter to the east of the railroad, commenced the advance. The troops

and in frequent natural cover that lay in their way. The small forts to the south resisted this advance but briefly, their resistance not being strong.

Since the beginning of the bombardment the artillery from Port Kouroupatkin had been growing steadily weaker, and it having become apparent that it had been practically silenced, the Japanese assaulted the fort. Port Kouroupatkin is situated at the south of Pailichang, and to the northeast of the parade ground on a low hill. It derives its name from the time when General Kouroupatkin inspected it, pointed out the weakness of the position, and ordered that it be strengthened as far as possible, being of necessity for the protection of the water supply. While situated in the chain of most forts, Kouroupatkin never has been as strong as the others, and after severe fighting it was captured. This capture lessens further the security of the fort on the mountain, which is now threatened from a new quarter as well as from Pailichang.

At 5 o'clock of the afternoon of the 20th, the Japanese captured a supplementary fort, which, from the lower ground, threatens the fort on the mountain. This ended the heavy fighting for that day, although the Japanese later

were compelled to resist several attacks. During the night the heavy bombardment of the Russian positions continued, the Japanese fire being particularly particular vigor against another supplementary fort 3,000 yards to the west of the fort on Ize mountain, and regarded as highly important because of its bearings on the Ize and Anshu mountain forts.

The next day, after having Pounded This Position Unsuccessfully, and until its fire had slackened visibly, the Japanese delivered their assaults. They met with a stubborn resistance. They were exposed to the fire of machine guns and rifles, and they made frantic effort to reach the crest of the slope. They leaped over trenches and embankments and tore down the entanglements in their path, until at length they entered the fort. The Russian troops there refused to desert their position, even in the face of the superior numbers which confronted them, and desperate hand-to-hand fighting occurred in the fort. Eventually almost the entire Russian garrison was either killed or wounded.

The foregoing information has been obtained from a Chinese of unimpeachable trustworthiness.

Military experts here are of the opinion that if the Japanese capture either Rihling, Kikwan forts or the Ize and Anshu forts, the doom of Port Arthur is sealed, and for this reason the importance of the results of the fighting in the fort in their latest assaults upon Russian positions is obvious.

The Chinese, from whom the correspondent of the Associated Press obtained his information, left Port Arthur the night of September 21st. He is unable to say whether the battle was renewed on the 22nd or not, although it is believed to have been renewed on the 22nd. A steamer which has arrived from Port Dalry confirms the previous reports that there was heavy fighting at Port Arthur on September 24th.

SUPPLIES FOR THE PORT ARTHUR GARRISON.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—The report of the arrival of several consignments of provisions, medicine and ammunition at Port Arthur is causing the liveliest satisfaction here, and strengthens the conviction that the fortress can hold out.

The news of the arrival of a new supply of ammunition is especially gratifying, as the expenditure of powder and shot must, according to all accounts, have been enormous, and latest reports having indicated that the garrison was beginning to fall back upon home-made powder, which is entirely unsatisfactory.

REPORTED REPULSE OF THE JAPANESE.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—2.30 a. m.—A dispatch received here from Chefoo states that the Japanese, having augmented their artillery, were reported to have begun a fresh bombardment of Port Arthur on September 19th, lasting until September 19th, which culminated with a heavy attack, which was repulsed with enormous losses.

CONFIDENTIAL OF FINAL OUTCOME OF STRUGGLE.

Tokio, Sept. 25.—An increasing feeling of sobriety and seriousness marks the popular attitude toward the war. It is the feeling that the masses are beginning to realize the seriousness of the task of expelling Russia from Manchuria. They had an easy confidence in the ability of the army and navy to overcome the Russian forces, and to destroy the Russian fleet and crush Gen. Kouroupatkin.

Events at Port Arthur and Liao Yang have impressed upon the Japanese mind the necessity of preparing for a long and trying war. Confidence in the final outcome, however, remains unshaken, and the nation has wholly and unflinchingly prepared to make sacrifices and pay the price that suffices demands. There is general confidence in the ability of Field Marshal Kuropatkin to drive the Japanese from Harbin and to successfully resist a reversion of Manchuria. The early possession of Port Arthur is also confidently expected.

GRIPPENBURG COMMANDS THE SECOND ARMY.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—The Emperor has appointed Gen. Gripenburg commander of the troops at Vilna, to command the second Manchurian army. Gen. Gripenburg succeeds Lieut-Gen. Linewitch.

Emperor Nicholas has sent the following autograph letter to Gen. Gripenburg:

"The intense energy with which Japan is conducting war and the stubbornness and high warlike qualities displayed by the commander-in-chief of the Japanese strengthen the forces at the front in order to attain a decisive success in the shortest possible time. Since by this increase the units will reach a figure making their continuance in one army impossible, without prejudice to the proper direction, manœuvring and mobility of the troops, I have found it necessary to divide the active forces in Manchuria into two groups."

Kouroupatkin. I appoint you to command the second. Your many years' service in warlike exploits and your wide experience in training troops assure me that you following the general directions of the commander-in-chief will successfully lead you to the attainment of the objects of the war and the army entrusted you.

"God bless you for your great and glorious services to me and to Russia."

"Ever your affectionate"

Gen. Gripenburg is 66 years of age. He served in the Crimean war, and distinguished himself in the Polish insurrection of 1863. For his part in the latter he received the St. George's cross and a sword of honor. He commanded the Moscow Guards regiment in the Russo-Turkish war, and in that conflict was promoted to the office of major general.

ALL INTEREST NOW CENTRES IN PORTRESS.

London, Sept. 26.—Interest in the fate of Port Arthur again has grown so keen as to overshadow the situation of Russia's decision to organize a second army, which, as the Daily Telegraph remarks,

together with the Emperor's remarkable letter to Gen. Gripenburg, shows that Russia at last has wakened to the magnitude of her task and the character of her foe. It is assumed by the paper that Gen. Kuroki is carrying out some important turning movement, but owing to the secrecy of the Japanese movement it is regarded as useless to indulge in speculations.

REPORTS TROOPS IN EXCELLENT HEALTH.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 25.—Gen. Kouroupatkin has sent the following dispatch to the Emperor, dated Sept. 23rd:

"There is no change in the situation to-day. The health of troops is good."

EXPECT A GREAT BATTLE NEAR "HOLY CITY."

Mukden, Sept. 25.—The halt in active operations around Mukden is believed to be due not only to the fatigue of the Japanese troops and the slowness in getting up necessary supplies, but also to a distinct understanding between the Chinese and Japanese that there shall be no bloodshed near the "Holy City," which is a sacred spot to both nations. It is expected, however, that there will be fighting north or northeast of Mukden, possibly on a larger scale even than the fighting at Hodge's. The weather has become settled, and the best season of the year is now commencing with prospects of a warm dry autumn.

STEAMERS HAVE SAILED.

Port Said, Sept. 25.—The Russian volunteer fleet steamers Smolensk, with 350 tons of coal, and the St. Petersburg, with 100 tons, have sailed from here ostensibly for Libya. The orders to the sailing at Hodge's, it proceeded toward Hodge's. Both trains were running on time, and with a speed of about 30 miles an hour. The locomotives were demolished at the major portion of each train was completely wrecked, with the exception of the Pullman sleepers, none of which left the track. The coaches were left with dead and injured, and the rescue work was accomplished with great difficulty. A wrecking special left train left this city as soon as possible after this city. Some were taken to the Knoxvillle general hospital and other to the homes of their friends. A local undertaker had received orders to have the dead and injured removed from the train. One of the passengers stated that the wreck occurred without the least warning, and that the trains were telescoped.

TRADE BETWEEN BRITAIN AND COLONIES.

Speech Delivered at the Annual Banquet of Canadian Manufacturers' Association.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—The annual banquet of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association in the Windsor hotel last night was a fitting climax to what is considered to have been the most successful convention in the history of the Association. The speeches, which were not started until a late hour, were of notable character. The inaugural address of the new president, W. K. George, Toronto, was an eloquent plea for a broad Canadian and Imperial policy.

The toast of the evening, "Canada and the Empire," was proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who, in a brief speech, declared that uniformity of tariffs between the different parts of the Empire was the way of better trade relations with the colonies. Regarding the preferential tariff now in operation, he said he was sure that, according to the trade figures of the company some 20 years, the killed and injured occupied the east-bound train, none of which was seriously injured, and some were uninjured. Surgeons and nurses were promptly sent to the scene, and every attention is being given to the injured.

Camden, N. J., Sept. 25.—A trolley car running from this city to Riverdale, N. J., jumped the track early to-day near Riverston and the motorman, J. R. White, of Palmyra, was killed, and the conductor and three passengers injured. The accident was due to slippery rails caused by a heavy fog.

SIX PASSENGERS INJURED.

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Six people were injured in a wreck on the New York central railroad a short distance east of Lyons early this morning. Three sleepers on the western express train bound from New York to Chicago, left the rails because of a split rail, and threw the passengers to the doors of the coaches. Just as the train came to a standstill a fast freight eastbound ran into the derailed cars.

WITHOUT CAUSED ACCIDENT.

Regina, Ill., Sept. 25.—A washout on the Burlington railroad, near Elmwood, caused a wreck to-day in which one man was killed and three persons were probably fatally injured. The roadbed was washed out for a considerable distance, leaving the rails suspended. The train struck the washout at a high rate of speed. The baggage car was hurled into a deep ditch and the smoker on top of it. The chair car remained on the track. John Beck was killed. Those probably fatally injured are: Rev. J. Kenyon, Elmwood; Frank Redding and H. Lentz, Balesburg.

LADY CURZON.

London, Sept. 23.—The condition of Lady Curzon is still critical, but was slightly improved this morning. A dispatch from Palmer, Castle says her strength was well maintained.

ANXIOUS FOR BULLETINS.

Simala, India, Sept. 23.—The greatest concern is felt here because of Lady Curzon's illness, and the latest bulletins regarding her condition are anxiously awaited.

WILL BUILD RAILWAY.

Vancover, Sept. 23.—Messrs. Farrington and Ward, of the Great Northern, left here this morning for the Similkameen. Traffic Manager J. C. Eden returned from there yesterday, and the first mentioned officials heard his report. He reported in favor of the immediate construction of a railway from Midway to Princeton by way of Helley City, in view of the large mining development. Mr. Eden's report is to be acted upon at once and Messrs. Ward and Farrington are going up to make the final arrangements.

THE DEATH ROLL IS INCREASING

NUMBER OF INJURED PASSENGERS ARE DEAD

Several of Survivors in Critical Condition—Wreck on Burlington Road—Other Accidents.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 24.—The most disastrous railway wreck known to this section occurred at 7.15 o'clock this morning on the Southern railway, about one and one-half miles west of Hodge station and eighteen and one-half miles east of Knoxville. The result of the collision of two passenger trains is that about 50 people are dead and over 125 injured. The colliding trains were east-bound through passenger trains, No. 12 from Chattanooga to Salisbury, N. C., leaving Knoxville at 9.35 a. m., and west-bound local passenger train No. 15 from Bristol to Knoxville, due to arrive here at 11 a. m.

The best information the wreck was due to a failure of the crew of the west-bound train to carry out its orders to meet the east-bound passenger at Hodge station. Instead of taking the siding at Hodge's, it proceeded toward Knoxville. Both trains were running on time, and with a speed of about 30 miles an hour. The locomotives were demolished at the major portion of each train was completely wrecked, with the exception of the Pullman sleepers, none of which left the track. The coaches were left with dead and injured, and the rescue work was accomplished with great difficulty. A wrecking special left train left this city as soon as possible after this city. Some were taken to the Knoxvillle general hospital and other to the homes of their friends. A local undertaker had received orders to have the dead and injured removed from the train. One of the passengers stated that the wreck occurred without the least warning, and that the trains were telescoped.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 24.—The official report of the wreck says the east-bound of the west-bound train No. 10 overlooked or disregarded orders as to the meeting siding at Hodge's. The west-bound train No. 12, the track and equipment were in first-class condition, and the crews were old and trusted employees, having been in the service of the company some 20 years. The killed and injured occupied the east-bound train, none of which was seriously injured, and some were uninjured. Surgeons and nurses were promptly sent to the scene, and every attention is being given to the injured.

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT BY COMPANION

WINNIPEG BOY DIED FROM HIS INJURIES

Major-General Parsons's Visit to Coast—Fire at Toronto, Damage Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—Major-General Parsons, who is on his way to inspect Esplanade fortifications and garrisons, arrived in the city on Saturday and leaves for the West on Tuesday. He returns East in October.

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—Gordon Martin, the son of I. W. Martin, Winnipeg manager of the Gurney Store & Range Company, died to-night as the result of injuries received by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of a companion while out shooting yesterday. Deceased was 13. His father is absent at present on a business trip to Vancouver.

DROWNED.

Winnipeg, Sept. 26.—Warner Hodgins, formerly of Lucas, Ont., and well-known as a teacher in Port Frances, but recently clerk in Williams's store there, was drowned in the rapids above Port Frances by a canoe upsetting on Sunday.

FIRE AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—Fire on Saturday morning, which broke out in the engine room of Park, Blackwell & Co.'s cork packing establishment, did \$35,000 damage.

DIED AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Sept. 26.—John F. Starrs, president of the Nova Scotia Steel Company, died at the General hospital this morning from kidney trouble.

WELL-KNOWN LONDONER DIED.

London, Ont., Sept. 25.—Bill Jarvis, one of the oldest residents of London, and clerk of the Ninth division court, is dead.

TRADES CONGRESS ENDED.

Montreal, Que., Sept. 26.—At the closing session on Saturday of the Trades and Labor Congress, it was decided to increase the per capita tax 50 per cent. for the purpose of maintaining the bureau.

HON. J. SUTHERLAND.

Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 26.—Hon. Jas. Sutherland, who has been ill for some months, left to-day for Ottawa to resume his duties as minister of public works.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE TERRITORIES.

Convenes for Dispatch of Business—The Speech from the Throne—Prosperity of the Farmer.

Regina, N. W. T., Sept. 23.—The third session of the fifth legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories was formally opened this morning at 10.30 o'clock by Lieutenant-Governor Forget. His Honor was escorted from Government House by a detachment of Royal Northwest Mounted Police, who for the first time wore their new uniforms with blue facings, worn by all military organizations honored with the distinction "Royal." His Honor was accompanied by Colonel MacDonell, D. S. O., and A. D. C.; Assistant Commissioner McMillan, Superintendent J. O. Wilson and Inspector Ritchie, of the R. N. W. M. Police.

There was a large attendance of members present for the opening, but the attendance of citizens was small, owing to the recognition to their Excellencies Lord and Lady Minto, which took place to-day.

The following was the speech from the throne:

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"It is my agreeable duty to welcome you to the third session of the fifth legislative assembly of the Northwest Territories. We have much cause for thankfulness in the continuance of the prosperity that has been so marked a feature of the life of our people for several years past. Though the season has not been an ideal one, yet throughout the greater part of these Territories the harvest is bountiful, and the advance in price of all grain products will do much to compensate for losses that have been met with in a few localities.

"By a happy coincidence, the occasion of the opening of your session is also the occasion of the farewell visit of their Excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Minto to Regina and the Northwest, which will be held in grateful remembrance, and many hospitals established or aided during the past five years will stand as lasting monuments to her womanly sympathy and kindness of heart."

"It is not proposed by my government to introduce legislation at this session dealing with any of the large public questions that might well call for your immediate consideration, but a number of bills to amend existing enactments in order to meet

changing conditions, will be submitted to you. It is a matter of gratification to note that some of the private bills that are being promoted, speak loudly of the forward march of the Territories. The creation of new cities and increased municipal powers are being asked for; higher education is seeking to effect a footing upon a permanent basis; and public enterprise is beginning to look for avenues in which to employ its energies.

"The public accounts and reports of the work of the several departments for the past year will be laid before you for your consideration.

"The amounts required to complete the public services for the current year, as well as those required for the next year, have been prepared, all of which will, I trust, meet with your approval. The liberal responses on the part of the government and parliament of Canada to the financial representations of my government, provincial basis has not been materially forwarded during the past year. All expenditures upon the subject will be submitted to you.

"I have to express the regret of my government that the movement towards the establishment of the Territories upon the provincial basis has not been materially forwarded during the past year. All expenditures upon the subject will be submitted to you.

"Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

"I leave you to your work in the firm conviction that your labors will be for the best interests of our country, and, under Divine guidance, result in much good to the Commonwealth."

TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS ELECT OFFICERS.

A. Verville, of Montreal, is the New President—A Farmer Cite Three Years for Manslaughter.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—This afternoon the Trades and Labor Congress elected the following officers: President, Alphonse Verville, Montreal, by acclamation; President, Fred declining reelection; vice-president, James Simpson, Toronto; secretary-treasurer, P. M. Drummond, Ottawa; delegate to American Federation of Labor, James Flett, Nova Scotia. The executive election was left in the hands of the executive of the congress. New Brunswick, E. J. Neeve, V. John, Vice-President Henry Goldworthy, M. J. Kelley and Chas. B. McChesney, St. John, committee. The British Columbia executive to be selected by the general executive.

WON SCHOLARSHIP.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—G. T. Wilson, of New Westminster, B. C., won the one-year scholarship in mathematics and physics, valued at \$150, at McGill.

AUSTRIAN MANUFACTURERS.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—Montreal was visited to-day by the members of the Austrian Manufacturers' Association, 56 in number, who are on a tour of Canada and the United States. The party includes many leading Austrian manufacturers. They visited the board of trade, city hall and many industries and sights of the city. From here they go to Boston, from which they sail for home.

NEW POST OFFICE.

Montreal, Sept. 23.—The post office department has purchased a site on St. Charles street, valued at \$45,000, for a branch post office.

FOR MANSLAUGHTER.

Pembroke, Sept. 23.—Gustave Mittelstat, a German farmer, was found guilty of manslaughter in connection with the death of Ernest Egerty, an English blacksmith, at the Assize court yesterday. In view of a largely signed petition in his behalf, the judge sentenced him to three years in the Kingston penitentiary. Mittelstat was drunk at the time he killed Egerty by striking him over the head with a whiffletree.

CHILDREN SUFFOCATED.

Details of Accident to Scholars Who Perished in an Old Well.

Cincinnati, Sept. 23.—At Pleasant Ridge, seven miles north of Cincinnati, Ohio, and possibly ten, school girls were suffocated in a vault during the forenoon recess, and a second of them narrowly escaped the same horrible death. During the rest of the day the suburb was wild with mingled excitement, sorrow and indignation, and to-night those charged with the care of the school are making serious threats.

On opposite sides of the capacious grounds in the rear of the school building are two outhouses. When the recess was given about thirty of the smaller girls were in the outhouse assigned to them, when suddenly the floor gave way, precipitating them into the vault below. This vault is twelve feet deep and walled up with stone like a well. There was in it four feet of water, that would have been on the heads of the children falling into it singly, but these falling foremost filled up the vault partially, so that the others were not entirely submerged.

The girls fell eight feet from the flooring, and the struggles of those who were on top kept at least nine underneath until they were dead. The frame sheds of these vaults were about twenty feet square, without windows and only a narrow door, so that only one girl escaped from the door. She ran into the school building to tell the teachers what had happened. The principal and other teachers rushed to the rescue. The screams of the girls were dimly heard within the vault, and most of them were unable to speak when rescued. The teachers were soon reinforced by the entire population of the town, the police and fire departments rendering most effective service. The firemen drilled the vault, so as to be sure that the rescue was complete.

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DAWSON VISITED BY RUINOUS FIRE

LOSS WILL BE OVER QUARTER OF MILLION

Greatest Conflagration in Northern City

Since 1899—Narrow Escapes From Burning Buildings.

A Dawson dispatch, dated Saturday, gives particulars of a fire which swept a considerable district in that city. It is as follows:

"A most disastrous fire, entailing a loss not far from a quarter of a million dollars, swept over Dawson shortly after midnight last night, destroying a large number of business houses and consuming several hotels, from which the guests barely escaped with their lives. The fire originated in the kitchen of the Cecil hotel and gutted both sides of Queen street and Second and Third avenues for a distance of several blocks.

"The fire department responded promptly to the alarm and worked at a critical moment before the flames fully developed. The fire was extinguished before a stream could be directed upon them. Once in action the department, assisted by the Northern Commercial Company volunteer brigade, did heroic service and succeeded in checking the flames a few feet west of the Bank of North America building.

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"Following is a list of the places destroyed, together with an estimate of the approximate loss in each instance: Cecil hotel, 20,000; Stockholm hotel, \$15,000; R. V. Vining, commission dealer, stock and building, \$10,000; Klondike Towing Machine Company, stock and building, \$11,000; Stockholm hotel, \$15,000; stock and building, \$8,000; Flannery hotel, \$8,000; Pugam & Sons, clothing, \$10,000; L'Abbe hotel, \$8,000; Dawson Hotel, \$10,000; Central hotel, \$7,000; Donovan hotel, \$5,500; A. McDonald, tailor shop, \$2,500; Anderson Bros., \$3,000; The Victoria Hotel, \$1,000; stock and building, \$7,000; W. C. Tabor, \$8,000; Standard Library, books and building, \$2,500.

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ANNUAL EXHIBITION OPENS ON TUESDAY

SIR HENRI JOLY WILL PRESIDE AT CEREMONY

The Show Will Be in Progress Until Saturday

The Programme of Attractions.

(From Monday's Daily.)

To-morrow the annual Victoria exhibition opens under the auspices of the British Columbia Agricultural Association.

The formal ceremony will be conducted by His Honor Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere at 2 o'clock, and the occasion is to be marked by a band concert and a number of vocal selections.

Previous to this in the forenoon, commencing at 11 o'clock, a trap shoot will be held, and following the opening address by the Lieutenant-Governor an Association football match between the Army and Navy for medals presented by the society will be the principal attraction.

In the evening a championship boxing exhibition is to take place in a pavilion erected for the purpose while a band and vocal concert will be rendered in the main building.

There will be a lengthy and varied programme for each of the five days of the show.

The buildings and grounds present a busy scene to-day. Workmen are employed everywhere on the three floors of the main buildings, at the cathouses, on the race track and the grounds.

As a result of this activity preparations are being rapidly completed, and very little will remain to be done when the gates will be thrown open in the morning.

The interior exhibits are practically finished, and there is scarcely any decorating to be done, the work having been started several weeks ago. It certainly does credit to those responsible.

A large party of sailors arrived at the grounds this morning, and commenced preparations for the naval and military display to be held on Wednesday.

Shrubbery is being placed all over the grounds between the buildings and the spot selected for the Royal Artillery camp, which will be attacked by the sailors. This display is expected to be one of the most interesting and instructive features of the exhibition.

Last evening the first of the stock from Mainland farms commenced to arrive. Among the principal exhibitors are C. Messer, of North Saanich; J. C. Messer, of Ganges; Aberdeen Angus; Messrs. J. T. and J. H. Wilkinson, of Chilliwack, with a large number of thoroughbred Southdown sheep and other breeds.

Most of which were entered in the Dominion exhibition, and captured many prizes, defeating the best Eastern breeders. J. C. Henderson, of Chilliwack, with Poland China hogs, Hampshire Down sheep and a herd of fine Guernsey cows; Haldon Bros., of Chilliwack, with Westchester, and Angus cattle and Ayrshires; Messrs. A. C. Wells & Sons, with a large herd of Ayrshire cattle and Shropshire sheep.

H. M. Vasey, of Delta, has a fine lot of Yorkshire pigs, and a pair of Shortshorns, Yorkshire pigs and Oxford Down sheep; J. Tomblaine, of Westholm Island, with Shortshorns; J. Kirk Kirkland, of Westholm Island, with Herefords; W. H. Patterson, Inverhulme farm, with Shortshorns; J. Bailey, from Chilliwack, with Poland China hogs; James Thomson, having an excellent lot of folk sheep and Chester White hogs; J. T. Maynard, from Chilliwack, with Red Poll cattle, and W. H. Ladner, of Ladner, with Westchester sheep.

The school boys' sports, which take place on Friday morning, promise to be exceptionally keen at the various competitive events of the exhibition, and are being faithfully followed by the coming struggle. The challenge cup presented by Secretary Swinerton to the school winning the greatest number of points in the competition has excited the young athletes to their greatest efforts.

It is now definitely announced that there are 319 more entries this year than last and 100 more exhibitors. There were 278 stock entries at the 1903 show, compared to 383 this fall. All things taken into consideration and given favorable weather the show opening tomorrow should be the most successful in the annals of the B. C. Agricultural Association.

The complete programme of attractions follows: Tuesday, Sept. 27th—Opening Day. Morning—10 o'clock—Commencement of judging. Trap shooting, starting at the same time.

Afternoon—Grand parade of stock at 10 o'clock. Demonstration of commercial fruit packing at 2 o'clock. Horse racing at 2:30.

THREE MEN WERE DROWNED SUNDAY

BY CAPSIZING OF BOAT OFF ALBERT HEAD

Sergt-Major Shorey, Sergt-Major Elliott and Second Mate Hartoch Victims of Accident.

(From Monday's Daily.)

A drowning accident in which there were three victims was the sad ending of a fishing expedition which started out under the most favorable auspices yesterday afternoon. Two Victoria homes have been plunged in mourning, while doubtless the news has already spread to the relatives of the third victim in the Old Country.

The unfortunate three were Sergt-Major Shorey, of the Royal Engineers; Sergt-Major Elliott, of the Army Ordnance Corps, and Harry Hartoch, second mate of the ship Blythwood, now in the Royal Roads. Had it not been for the appearance on the scene of the launch Shamrock, it is quite likely that more names would have been added to this sad chronicle.

Yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock, a party rowed out to the Blythwood, the intention being to spend the day aboard of her, the men to enjoy some fishing as a diversion. The party consisted of Sergt-Major Shorey, Mrs. Shorey and two children, and Sergt-Major Elliott, Mrs. Elliott and her two children.

They launched aboard the Blythwood, the guests of Capt. Pritchard, and early in the afternoon a fishing expedition was started. This consisted of Capt. Pritchard, Sergt-Major Shorey, Sergt-Major Elliott, Second Mate H. Hartoch, two apprentices, W. McLean and S. Canham, and two seamen, Albert Troberg and R. Williams. They left the ship in the whaler about half-past two, and sailed back and forth in the vicinity of Albert Head.

The weather was not rough, but the air was somewhat hazy. The boat had not been out long when the party decided to return to the ship, but just as they were bringing their craft about the main boom went under water, and with startling suddenness the whaler capsized. All were thrown into the water, but managed to grasp the side of the boat, which was held in the water at an angle by the sail.

Capt. Pritchard ordered all to refrain from attempting to climb on the whaler, which would probably have brought death to the entire party. They shouted for help, but were unable to make those on the Blythwood aware of their predicament. The water was very cold, and they saw that unless help came soon they were in danger of succumbing to exhaustion.

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The Water Supply of the City

A Half Million Dollar Scheme Contemplated to Improve It.

In a very short time, probably before the present term of this year's city council terminates, a proposition, involving at least half a million dollars, will have to be presented to the citizens of Victoria. To enable it to be left sections of the city open to devastation by fire such as occurred at the residences between Queen's avenue and Princess avenue, to encourage the increase of insurance and to inflict upon the ratepayers the present inadequate supply of water which they have been compelled to put up with and have been complaining against for several years.

The waterworks system has got to be improved. The city has outgrown the old make-shift of a service; it has come to a period where prompt and judicious measures have to be adopted. It is considered by the water committee, and by the city fathers, that an improvement is absolutely necessary, and how best to bring this about is the question that has their serious attention for several months, even before the fire alluded to.

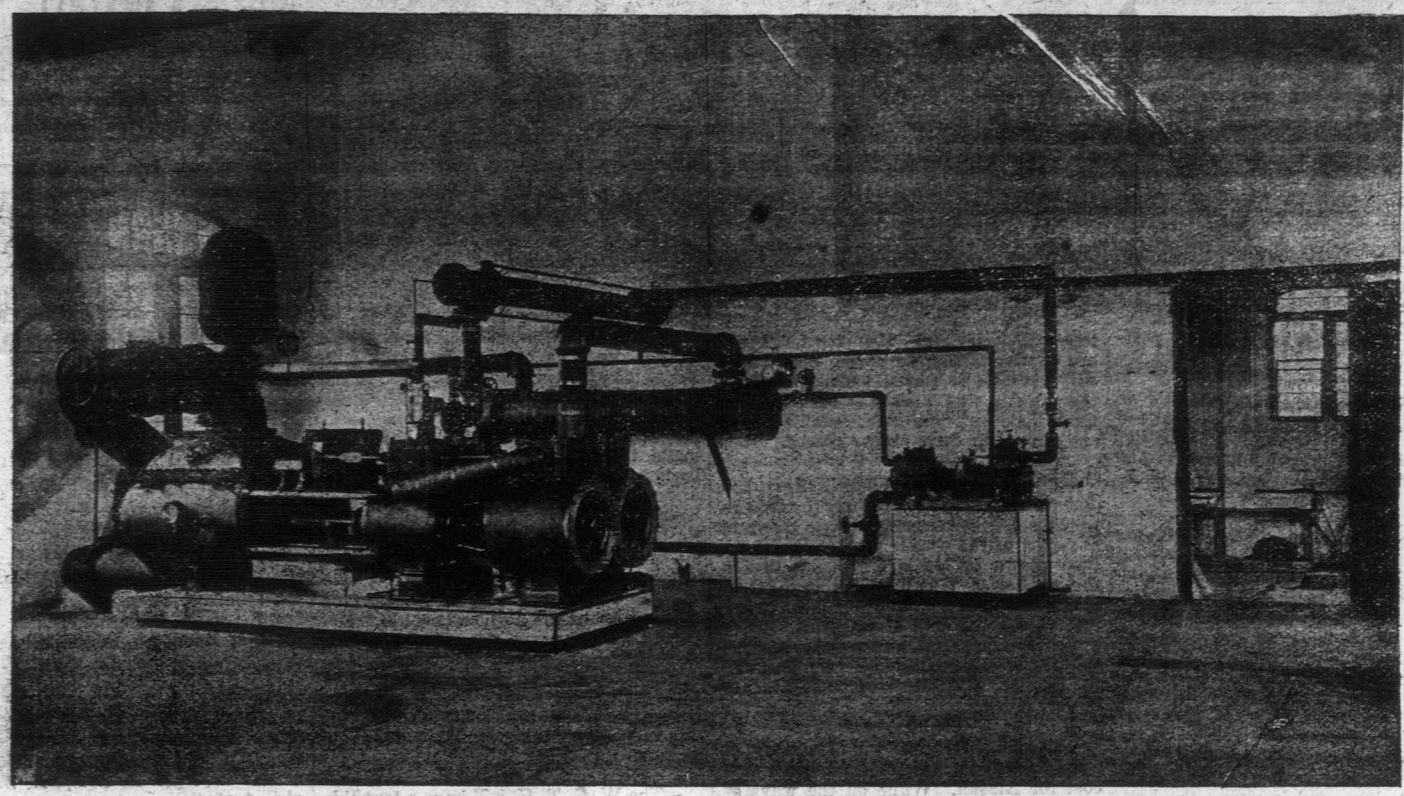
There are a few salient points about the present system with which possibly the average reader is not familiar, but possibly the greatest of all is that which is to be found in the mesh work of the main on Douglas street. Here is a twenty-four-inch pipe, running all the way from Market street to the Carey road, which has a feeder from the Carey road, which is a twelve-inch main. What a reduction in pressure this means the ordinary layman can to a certain extent estimate.

manner in which the water is now obtained. Briefly, it is taken from Elk lake into three filter beds, which in turn empty into a large chamber equal in size to the capacity of all, and from this it flows by gravitation into the city. There is an auxiliary pipe that runs direct into the lake, and in case of fire water can be brought direct into the mains out of the lake without being filtered.

Originally the plan of the present system provided only for a twelve-inch main connecting the lake with James Bay via Douglas street. This was laid in 1878. In 1890 what is known as the Cook street extension was constructed, the size of this being sixteen inches in diameter. The improvement did not work satisfactorily or carry out fully the purposes for which it was designed because of the levels to which it was run being too high. It was then decided to put in the Yates street pump, but even after this was installed it was found that the pressure was insufficient for the higher levels, and so, in 1896, the North Dairy Farm pumping station was erected. What this accomplishes people generally do not appreciate, according to Water Commissioner Raymond. Its capacity is from a million to a million and a quarter gallons a day. Believed of this and the water service would be in a bad way.

The 24-inch main on Douglas street, which is fully a mile long, was laid during ex-Mayor Grant's time, when Mr. Summerfield was acting water commissioner. When Mayor Beaven came into office a stop was put to the big expenditure involved by the laying of the pipe,

their ratification one of the important considerations will be the question of pressure. It is argued that no matter how much water is taken from Elk lake—and there seems to be no denying that an abundant supply is there obtainable for all time—new pumping machinery will have to be provided. The pressure will have to be great enough to reach the higher levels from the mains leading direct from the lakes or from a reservoir to be constructed. The reason of this is that the highest parts of the city are 240 feet above sea level, while the elevation of the lake is only 180 feet. Whether it will be cheaper in the long run to improve the present system or to get the water from Goldstream will rest with the people to decide. Goldstream has an elevation of 470 feet above sea level. It is believed that the lake has a sufficient supply for all needs. It has about twice the rain fall that Elk lake has, and according to those in favor of this water more pressure could be obtained than would be required. The distance to the power house at Goldstream, where the B. C. Electric railway have their plant, is twelve miles. For every mile the water is carried ten feet elevation is deducted for loss of energy, but there would still be left gravitation enough and greater than the city would need. The cost of laying a 36-inch main to the power house would cost in the neighborhood of \$350,000. No filter beds would be necessary, the water being simply conducted through an open ditch four miles long to an artificial lake, by which means the pressure could be reduced and the water purified sufficiently for the



PUMPING STATION—INTERIOR VIEW—AUXILIARY AID TO GRAVITATION.

ceive from his speeches in the campaign which seems imminent.

Premier McBride, Mayor Barnard and Hon. F. J. Fulton also did their utmost to make the Conservatives present believe they would have a "hook in" at the next election, their endeavors being "supplemented" by the "Old Guard" by Mr. Wheeler. Cheers for the big guns of the party and the national Anthem closed the meeting.

ple in New York will be pleased with the proposition I have to offer them.

"I have spent the last two or three days about the departments here, enquiring as to the prospect of getting in a road to the mines and other matters. I must say I find all our officials, from Mr. Congdon down, extremely courteous and encouraging. They seem desirous of doing anything they can to encourage the development of quartz, and this is one point that adds to my enthusiasm in regard to the properties I have been able to secure options on. One proposition such as I have, if backed by substantial capital and energetically worked, will make Dawson one of the leading quartz camps in the world.

"For, mind you, my proposition is only one of many exploited this year. One big company taking out and milling ore with success, will start a quartz boom here that will build up and populate a large section of the territory."

FALL MEETINGS OF INSTITUTES

LECTURE ITINERARY HAS BEEN ARRANGED

The Speakers Will Start Their Work Early Next Month—Their Various Subjects.

The deputy minister of agriculture has arranged the programme of fall meetings of the Farmers' Institute. Following is the itinerary of Messrs. Daniel Drummond, of Ottawa, and Robert Thompson, of St. Catharines, Ont., whose subjects are:

Mr. Drummond—Selection and breeding of dairy stock; soil, moisture and cultivation; care and application of manure; talks on dairy stable construction and ventilation; the importance of selected seed to the farmer; rotation of crops.

Mr. Thompson—Poultry houses and incubators; profitable poultry keeping for the boys and girls; swine breeding and feeding; corn for grain and the silo; small fruits and fruit trees; gathering and marketing fruit; successful co-operation cold storage; the San Jose scale and other orchard pests; the future farmers and their education; home life on the farm.

Meetings.

Nanaimo—Monday, October 3rd. Gabriola; Friday, October 7th. Parksville; Tuesday, October 11th. Nanaimo or vicinity; Wednesday, October 12th, vicinity of Ladysmith.

Comox—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 14th, 15th and 16th.

Westholme; Friday, October 14th. Duncan; Saturday, October 15th. Cobble Hill.

North Vancouver—Monday, October 17th.

Burrard—Tuesday, October 18th.

Richmond—Wednesday and Thursday, October 19th and 20th.

Maple Ridge—Friday, October 21st.

Coquitlam; Saturday, October 22nd.

Hammond or Haney; Monday, October 24th. Wharlock.

Mission—Tuesday, October 25th.

Kent—Wednesday, October 26th.

Salmon Arm—Friday and Saturday, October 28th and 29th.

Osoyoos—Monday, October 31st. Summerland; Tuesday, November 1st, Summerland; Wednesday, November 2nd, Peachland; Thursday and Friday, November 3rd and 4th, Kelowna.

Okanagan—Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, November 5th, 7th and 8th.

Spallumcheen—Wednesday and Thursday, November 9th and 10th. Armstrong and vicinity; Friday, November 11th, Enderby; Saturday, November 12th, Mara.

The itinerary of Messrs. Thomas McMillan, of Seaford, Ont., and H. G. Reed, of Georgetown, Ont., follow. The subjects are:

Mr. McMillan—Breeding and management of heavy draft horses; breeding and feeding of beef cattle; soil cultivation, which includes land drainage and the care of farm yard manure; encouragement of Canadian agriculture; the Journey of life.

Mr. Reed—Influence of natural laws in the breeding of live stock; the modern harness and saddle horse and how to breed them; the relation which exists between improper feeding and disease; diseases of the digestive system of cattle; milk fever in cows and preventive treatment.

Meetings.

Metochin—Monday, October 3rd. Sooke; Tuesday, October 4th. Metochin; Wednesday, October 5th, Colwood.

Victoria—Thursday, October 6th. Cedar Hill, Royal Oak or Colquhoun; Friday, October 7th, Saanichton; Saturday, October 8th, Sidney.

Islands—Monday, October 10th. Fulford Harbor; Tuesday, October 11th, Ganges Harbor; Wednesday, October 12th, Mayne Island; Thursday, October 13th, Pender Island.

Delta—Monday, October 17th. Ladner; Tuesday, October 18th, East school house.

Surrey—Wednesday, October 19th. Mud Bay; Thursday, October 20th, Surrey Centre.

Langley—Friday, October 21st, Glen Valley; Saturday, October 22nd, Port Langley.

Matsqui—Monday, October 24th.

Chilliwack—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 25th, 26th and 27th.

Lillooet—Saturday, October 29th, Lillooet; Monday, October 31st, McGillivray's; Thursday, Friday and Saturday, November 3rd, 4th and 5th, Nicola.

Kamloops—Monday, November 7th, Campbell Creek; Tuesday and Wednesday, November 8th and 9th, Grand Prairie; Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th, any other points.

Besides addresses the delegates will give practical outdoor demonstrations on various subjects of interest, such as lessons in ploughing, live stock judging, cultivation of fruit, pruning, budding, grafting, etc., points of dairy and beef cattle, and other subjects of a similar objection to accompanying her father to character.

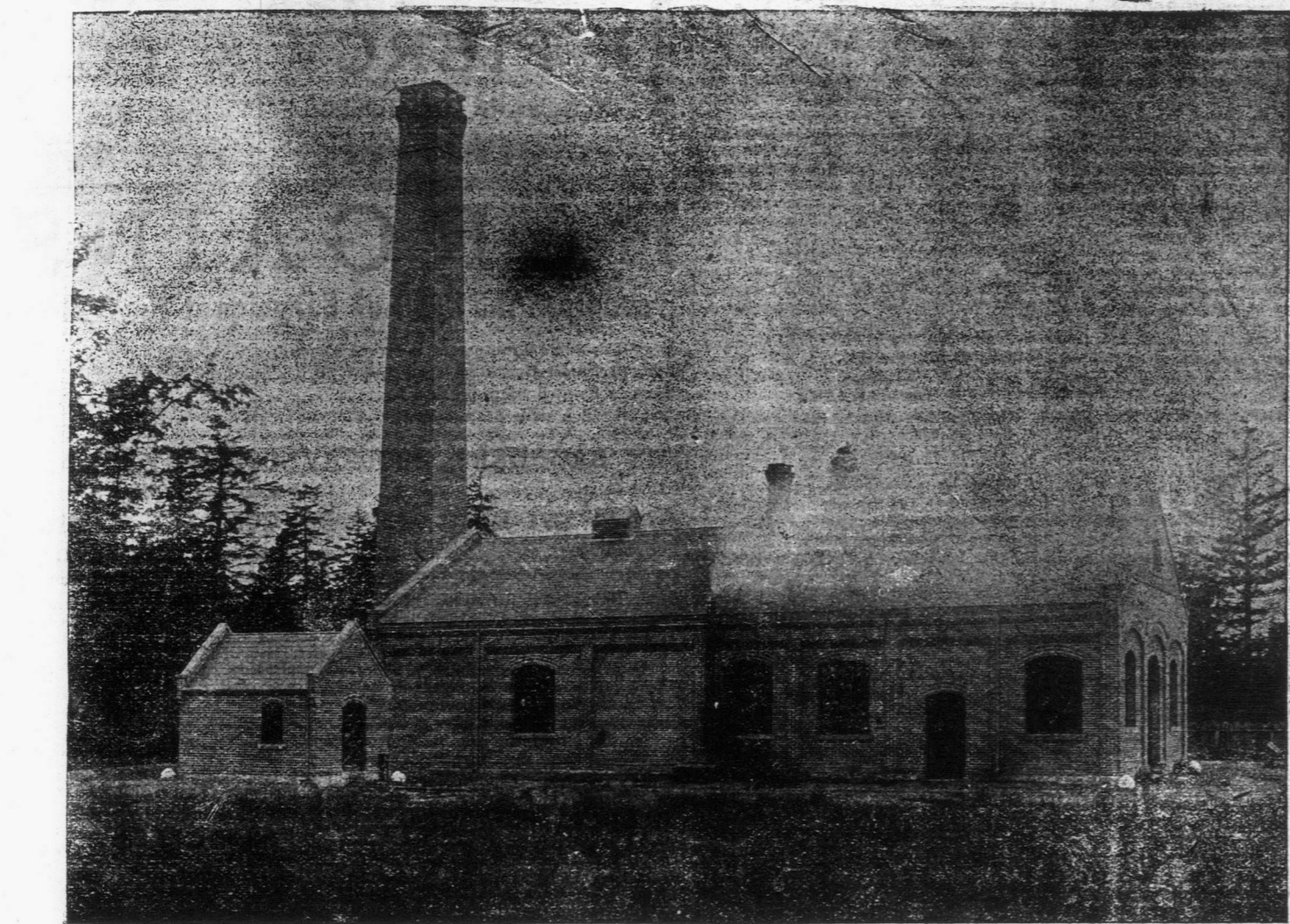
DAMAGE REACHES MILLIONS.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 23.—Timber men who have visited Columbia county reported that recent forest fires in that section have destroyed timber to the value of \$8,000,000. Most of the timber destroyed was owned by eastern capitalists.

ENGINEERS AT OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The British engineers who are on their way to the international congress of engineers at St. Louis are guests of the city to-day. They received a royal welcome, and had luncheon at the Victoria hotel, Aylmer.

SPEECHLESS AND PARALYZED.—"I had valvular disease of the heart," writes Mrs. J. S. Goode, of Truro, N. S. "I suffered terribly and was often speechless and partially paralyzed. One dose of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me relief, and before I finished one bottle I was able to go about. To-day I am a well woman."



PUMPING STATION—EXTERIOR VIEW.

It is undoubtedly very great. Certain it is that at the point of connection there is but half the pressure in the latter than there is in the smaller main.

But there are other important considerations from the totally inadequate mains leading out of the lake. Chief among these is that branch pipes throughout the city are too small. With these in use, it will never be possible, no matter what amount of water is in from any lake, to obtain a pressure sufficient for the ordinary wants of the residents. This is a matter which will have to be considered, and which will add materially to the bill which the ratepayers will have to foot.

There are, too, the questions of reaching the higher levels, of introducing more pumping machinery, of changing, if necessary, the present source of supply and of going either to Goldstream or Sooke lake for water.

It is hardly necessary to refer to the

and though ex-Mayor Grant contemplated the extension of it to the lake his plan has never been carried out, and the city in consequence has to depend on the antiquated system of a 12-inch pipe emptying into one twice its size. The big pipe cost the city \$150,000 to lay, and to carry it on from Carey road to the lake would cost probably \$250,000 more.

As stated above, only the Douglas street main was contemplated in the original plan. No provision was ever made for the main which now runs down Government street or for the numerous sections of the residential portions of the city which have since sprung into existence, such as Oak Bay, or for the sewerage system, for the higher levels, now considered among the most important parts of the city, for the Cook street and Fernwood road mains and for other demands, all of which entail a tremendous drain on the general supply.

When the scheme for changes and betterments is submitted to the people for

city's use. Of course if wooden pipes were substituted for metal ones the cost of installation would probably be about half the amount mentioned. The difference in distance between the two lakes is about five miles. The difference in the cost of introducing a new system would be in favor of Elk lake, but of maintenance and pressure decidedly to the advantage of the Goldstream scheme.

With the latter the matter of supplying Victoria West would be overcome, and an addition to the city's revenue secured. The whole of that section of the city bounded by Cook and Belcher streets, Bookland avenue, Belmont and North Pembroke street and of other high levels would no longer thirst of a warm summer day, and possibly for all time the question of water supply would be settled. The city is growing, and the number of subscribers on the water commissioner's books is increasing, it being now 4,700, as against 2,591 in 1891.

SECURED MANY OPTIONS.

Representative of New York Syndicate Speaks Highly of Northern Quartz.

Tom Miller, who has been in the north securing options on quartz locations for New York capitalists, is on his way south from Dawson.

"I have bonded 14 claims," said Mr. Miller to the Dawson Yukon World, "and each of them I have personally inspected, and the ore from each has been assayed and shows good workable values. Assays have been made by local men and by the government assay office, and also at Ottawa. I am fully satisfied my po-

POET'S FORTUNE.

Westchester, Pa., Sept. 22.—Benjamin M. Evercher, botanist, poet and author, died to-day, aged 87. He was one of the most expert botanists in the world, 15 plants have been given his name. It is estimated that the fortune of \$1,500,000, which he leaves, will go largely to charity.

CATABRIS AND COLDS BELIEVED IN 10 TO 60 MINUTES.—One short puff of the breath through the blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder diffuses this powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use. It relieves instantly, and permanently cures catarrh, hay fever, colds, headache, sore throat, tonsillitis and deafness. 50 cents.—41.



RESERVOIR AT GOLDSTREAM—NOW USED BY THE B. C. ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

TORY SPELL BINDING.

Gathering of the Faithful Last Evening—Speech by Sir C. H. Tupper.

The junior Conservatives held a gathering in their club rooms on Thursday, which was addressed by the prominent chiefs of the party in this part of the country. J. T. Croft, president of the club, presided, and among those present were the following: The Premier, Hon. Richard McBride; Sir Hilbert Tupper, president of the Liberal-Conservative Association of British Columbia; Hon. F. J. Fulton, provincial secretary; Mayor Barnard; Senator Macdonald; Thomas Earle, M.P.; Col. E. G. Prior, H. D. Helmecke, ex-M.P.P.; Wm. Mable, president of the Victoria Liberal-Conservative Association; A.M. Beckwith, Geo. Jay and other prominent members of the party.

The big attraction on the programme was Sir Hilbert Tupper, who made one of his usual entertaining deliveries, wholly devoid, however, of anything substantially new. He ran through the customary Tory gamut of charges against the Liberal administration and received a vote of thanks for his efforts. This is about the only return he will ever re-



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C. F. Walker.

LITICAL ABUSE.

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stainment to the Liberal-
ses. It is only abuse, obvi-
that he has no case against
ment. It is an unkindly
sign of the degeneration of
the statesman. "Throw
and; some is sure to stick," is
of Dr. Whately (if my mem-
), but in this instance it will
tain, let alone stick, and
this people suffered from the
re maladministration of the
this province. Were the
Conservatives involved in
scandals at Esquimalt
a? Purty, indeed! Are the
Conservatives? If so, the evi-
rent recent experience in this
to the contrary, I am sorry
young political coil, otherwise
nare, should prattle about
we parity when his partners
express the politics of impurity
public transactions.

of the younger has not better
place before the Liberal-Con-
his case is surely lost.

LUCIFER.

GENERAL SPECIMENS.

Lead Exhibits From Interior
Columbia Arriving for Show.

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an interesting exhibit for the
opens this week. It is a sixty-
of silver valued at about \$340.
been deposited in one of the
ing the opening of the exhibi-
on to this, he has received nine
the upper country containing a
lead products from the British
production of that mineral. This
of especial interest to residents
real exhibit will be a most attrac-
in itself it will be well worth
Victoria show to see.

to be displayed at the show
of the Bertelmeier apple. This
variety comes from Spence's
it is not known to be grown any-
in the province.

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SOCIAL TRAVELER TALKS
DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

uable Advice to Those Who
Use the Railroad Train
Frequently.

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and, one of the oldest and best
mercantile travelers on the road,
out with a statement for the
his fellow travelers.

"With pleasure," says Mr. Ire-
with pleasure, "I endorse Dodd's
Kidney Pills, a trip through the Maritime
Dodd's Kidney Pills complete-
ly of a severe pain in my back
suffered me for some time. The
seemed to go right to the spot
ved the trouble so effectually
not and is not likely to return."
Kidney Pills are just as ad-
Mr. Ireland concludes, "They
say cured."

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on the railway a great deal
to kidney troubles. They
Mr. Ireland's statement valu-
ing.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Sept. 23.—A cablegram re-
ve announces the sudden death
ecy in London of Samuel Free,
senior professor of the Chicago
seminary, and a leading
ian churchman of the west.

COWICHAN FAIR A DECIDED SUCCESS

MANY VICTORIANS WERE IN ATTENDANCE An Excellent Programme of Sports on Saturday Afternoon—List of Prize Winners.

The annual fair under the auspices of the Cowichan Agricultural Association was an unqualified success. Entries in almost every department were more numerous than in the past, and the increased interest of farmers of the neighboring districts and residents of Victoria and Nanaimo was displayed by the exceptionally large attendances, especially on Saturday afternoon.

Probably the best features of the indoor exhibits, however, were the ladies' work exhibits, and the display of amateur photography. The former was most extensive, and included some wonderful specimens of fine needlework, crocheted work, and the care which the judges found necessary in selecting the prize winners is a most favorable commentary on the worth of the exhibit.

Stock was better represented than on any previous occasion. D. Drummond, of Ottawa, acted as judge of cattle, and pronounced it a splendid showing. He made particular reference to a Holstein cow owned by G. T. Corfield, which he held up as a typical specimen of her class, explaining the fine points to a large crowd of interested spectators.

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- 1-year-old colt or filly—1 D. Evans & Sons, 2 M. Edgson & Sons. Buggy horse—1 W. Kingston, 2 F. Kingston. General purpose horse to be shown in single harness—1 W. P. Jaynes, 2 W. Kingston. Draught horse—1 J. Lament, 2 D. Evans.

- Short-horn bull, over 1 year—1 D. Evans & Sons, 2 A. McKinnon. Jersey bull, over 1 year—1 F. H. Masland-Dougal, 2 G. T. Corfield. Holstein bull, over 1 year—1 G. T. Corfield, 2 G. T. Corfield.

- Southdown ram—1 D. Evans. Shropshire ram—1 and 2 H. Bensall. Pedigree ram in the show—1 and 2 H. Bensall. Two fat sheep—1 D. Evans & Sons, 2 H. Bensall.

- Pure bred Berkshire boar—1 G. H. Hadwen. Pure bred Yorkshire boar—1 G. T. Corfield. Pure bred Chester white boar—1 and 2 M. McCrossin.

- Brahma, any color, cock—1 John Nicholson. Cocker, any color, cock—1 John Nicholson, 2 J. Nicholson.

- Orpingtons, buff or black, cock—1 Mrs. McKinnon, 2 G. H. Hadwen; hen, 1 and 2 G. H. Hadwen.

- Polish, any color, hen—1 J. Nicholson. Bantams, game, cock—1 A. S. Drummond; hen, 1 A. S. Drummond.

- Bushel of spring wheat—1 D. Evans & Sons, 2 P. Flett. Bushel of barley—1 P. Flett, 2 W. Ford.

- Draught brood mare, foal at foot—1 W. A. Richards. Light brood mare—1 A. Nelson, 2 J. Evans.

- Roots and Vegetables. Six Swedish turnips—1 Minter Bros. Six turnips, any other kind—1 Minter Bros., 2 P. Marchessault.

- Leaf of bread, home-made in the district, plain bread, 2 pounds—1 Mrs. Dirome, 2 Mrs. Clarke. Bottle home-made wine—1 Mrs. McKinnon, 2 Mrs. D. Evans.

- Two fat sheep—1 D. Evans & Sons, 2 H. Bensall. Two ewes, grade (large)—1 H. Bensall, 2 W. Ford.

- Collection of fruit—1 G. H. Hadwen. Winter apples, 5 kinds, 5 of each, varieties named—1 T. A. Wood, 2 Mrs. Prevost.

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SUCCESSFUL SHOW CLOSED SATURDAY

EXCELLENT SPORTS DREW LARGE CROWDS Saanich Baseball Game After a Ten Inning Game—Remains Prize Winners.

A large number of Victorians went out to Saanichton on Saturday afternoon to take in the fair, and the excellent programme of extra attractions provided the baseball match between the Saanich and Cedar Hill nines was won by the former by a score of 17 to 16, after a ten-inning game. The horse races also were well contested. The results were as follows:

- Running race, for Indian horses only, half mile—G. Johnson's Bab 1, Sam (Isaac) 2, Bill (Tohy) 3. Trotting race, Indian horses, 1 mile dash, Indian drivers—Joe Battlemans horse 1, Leo Jim 2, Sam 3, with Toby a good fourth.

- Collection of flowers—1 Mrs. R. Miller, 2 Mrs. Benson. Arrangement of flowers for table decoration—1 Mrs. Elkington, 2 Mrs. Dickie.

- Orpingtons, buff or black, cock—1 Mrs. McKinnon, 2 G. H. Hadwen; hen, 1 and 2 G. H. Hadwen.

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Two fat cattle for butcher—1 C. Moses, 2 W. Thomson.

Bull, 3 years old and over—1 C. Moses, 2 W. Thomson. Bull, 1 year old—1 C. Moses, 2 W. Thomson.

Bull, 3 years old and over—1 Lewtas Bros. Bull, 2-year-old—1 C. Moses, 2 W. Thomson.

Bull, 1-year-old—1 Haldon Bros. Heifer, 2-year-old—1 Haldon Bros., 2 W. Thomson.

Ram, 2 shears and over—1 G. Sangster, 2 F. Turgoose. Ram, 1 year—1 J. S. Shepland, 2 G. Sangster.

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A COMPLETE LIST OF PRIZE WINNERS

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Every Class Well Contested—A Large Number of Awards Distributed at Islands Show.

Following is a complete list of the prize winners at the Island agricultural show held at Gauges Harbor on Wednesday:

- Horses: Saddle horse under 15 hands in saddle—W. Whims 1st, A. Ward 2nd. Saddle horse over 15 hands in saddle—J. E. Scott 1st. Best buggy horse, shown in harness—J. Horel 1st, H. W. Bullock 2nd. Roadster, any age—T. Marshall 1st. Draught mare or gelding—E. Lee 1st, Halley & Smith 2nd. Draught filly or gelding, 1 year or over—Halley & Smith 1st. Mare or gelding, 3 years old or over—J. Akerman 1st, A. G. Crofton 2nd. Filly or gelding, 2 years old—H. Sampson 1st and 2nd. Filly or gelding, 1 year old—J. Grimmer 1st, A. G. Crofton 2nd. Foal or 1904—J. J. Walsh 1st, A. G. Crofton 2nd. Team (mares or geldings), driven in wagon—J. Maxwell 1st, J. C. Mollet 2nd. Best conditioned and best groomed horse—A. Ward 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Best gentleman driver—J. C. Mollet 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Best lady driver—Mrs. J. Horel 1st. Best boy rider, under 14—L. Mowat 1st, W. McFadden 2nd. Cattle: Bull, pedigree, 1 year or over—W. Deason 1st, A. G. Crofton 2nd. Bull, any breed, 1 year or over—C. W. Cundie 1st. Bull calf, any breed—A. G. Crofton 2nd. Cow, pedigree, dairy—H. W. Bullock 1st. Cow, grade, 3 years and over—A. G. Crofton 1st. Heifer, grade, under 3 years and over—Mrs. Mount 1st, A. Ward 2nd. Grade heifer, under 2 years and over—J. J. Beddis 1st, A. G. Crofton 2nd. Grade heifer calf—A. G. Crofton 1st, Mrs. Mount 2nd. Best two dairy calves—A. G. Crofton 1st. Swine: Boar, any breed, pedigree, 1 year and over—J. Maxwell 1st, J. Maxwell 2nd. Sow, under 1 year old—Mrs. Mount 1st. Best fat hog—J. Maxwell 1st. Breed, 1 loaf, home-made—Mrs. Gryes 1st, Mrs. Cotford 2nd, Mrs. Mount 3rd. Breed, 1 loaf, home-made by girl under 15 years of age—Miss Mary Gryes 1st, Lydia Mount 2nd, B. Lundy, highly commended. Breed, 1 loaf, home-made by bachelor—M. Gryes 1st, E. P. Wilson 2nd. Fruit cake—Mrs. E. Lee 1st, E. P. Bittancourt 2nd. Fruit cake, by girl under 15—Winnie Lee 1st, Miss Caldwell 2nd. Best display of pastry—Miss E. Lee 1st. Miscellaneous: Best 2 hams, smoked—A. G. Crofton 1st. Best side bacon, smoked—A. G. Crofton 1st. Best dressed pair of fowls for market—Mrs. Mount 1st, A. Ward 2nd. One pound fancy table butter—J. T. Collins 1st, Mrs. A. Wilson 2nd, Mrs. Mount 3rd. Butter, 1 lb. round, rolls or patties—E. Lee 1st, Mrs. Mount 2nd. Butter, 1 lb. round, less than 10 pounds—E. Lee 1st, Mrs. Mount 2nd. Hens' eggs, from 12 heaviest, white—Mrs. Mount 1st, Mrs. J. Horel 2nd, E. P. Wilson 3rd. Hens' eggs, fresh, 12 heaviest, brown—E. P. Wilson 1st, H. W. Bullock 2nd, E. Lee 3rd. Collection of eggs, 6 of each variety, correctly named—R. P. Edwards 1st, J. T. Collins 2nd, E. P. Wilson 3rd. Jams, Preserves, Etc.: Jam, gooseberry—Mrs. J. Horel 1st. Jam, plum—Miss Mount 1st, Mrs. J. Horel 2nd. Jam, strawberry—C. F. Wilson 1st. Jam, blackberry—Mrs. J. M. Jackson 1st, Mrs. J. Horel 2nd. Jam, raspberry—Mrs. T. M. Jackson 1st, Miss Horel 2nd. Collection jams (10 bottles)—Mrs. J. Horel 1st, Mrs. H. Caldwell 2nd. Collection jellies (15 bottles)—Mrs. H. Caldwell 1st, J. Beddis 2nd. Bottled Fruit (Whole): Plums, red—Miss Mount 1st. Plums, yellow—Miss Mount 1st. Cherries—Miss Jackson 1st, Miss Brown 2nd. Collection bottle fruits—Mrs. Mount 1st, J. Beddis 2nd. Pickles, vinegar, 2 bottles—J. Beddis 1st, Mrs. J. Horel 2nd. Wine, 2 bottles, home-made—J. Akerman 1st. Older, 2 bottles, home-made—J. Akerman 1st, J. C. Mollet 2nd. Vinegar, 2 bottles, home-made—J. Beddis 1st. Garden Produce—Vegetables: Potatoes, Burbanks, 10 lbs.—J. C. Mollet 1st, J. Akerman 2nd. Potatoes, Early Rose, 10 lbs.—E. P. Bittancourt 1st, E. P. Wilson 2nd. Potatoes, largest, 15 lbs.—E. Lee 1st, J. C. Mollet 2nd. Potatoes, any other variety, named, 10 lbs.—J. C. Mollet 1st, J. Akerman 2nd. Potatoes, best collection—J. Akerman 1st. Table turnips, 6 roots—J. Akerman 1st. Carrots, cut root, 6 roots—R. Mahon 1st, A. Cartwright 2nd. Parsnips, 6 roots—J. C. Mollet 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Cabbages, 2 bests—R. Mahon 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Cabbage, 2 best red—E. Lee 1st. Savoy, 2 best—E. Buckley 1st, R. Mahon 2nd. Cauliflower, 2 best heads—E. Buckley 1st, J. Akerman 2nd. Onions, white, 6 each—E. Lee 1st, B. Lundy 2nd. Onions, Yellow Danvers, 6 each—H. Burchell 1st, T. D. Mansell 2nd. Onions, red, 6 each—J. C. Mollet 1st, A. Cartwright 2nd. Onions, pickling, 1 pint—R. Mahon 2nd. Onions, Eschallots—E. Lee 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Beans, best dish—E. Lee 1st, E. Buckley 2nd. Corn, table—E. Lee 1st, E. F. Wilson 2nd. Beets, long—J. C. Mollet 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Beets, globe—J. C. Mollet 1st, E. F. Wilson 2nd. Celery—J. C. Mollet 1st and 2nd. Lettuce—J. C. Mollet 1st. Squash—A. Cartwright 1st, J. Akerman 2nd. Vegetable marrow—T. D. Mansell 1st, R. Mahon 2nd. Tomatoes, best collection—J. C. Mollet 1st, T. Tomatoes—J. C. Mollet 1st, H. Burchell 2nd. Damson—J. Akerman 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Cucumbers, best brace—J. Horel 1st, D. Mansell 2nd. Cucumbers, best for pickling—J. Akerman 1st, E. F. Wilson 2nd. Citrons—J. C. Mellet 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Melons, water—J. C. Mollet 1st, Miss Mollet 2nd. Melons, musk—J. C. Mollet 1st. Kale, 2 heads—E. Lee 1st, J. C. Mollet 2nd. Largest and best collection of vegetables—E. Buckley 2nd. Best collection vegetable grown from Jay's seeds—E. Lee 1st. Flowers: Best collection of pot plants—B. Lundy 1st. Best bouquet for table—J. C. Mollet 1st, Miss Mollet 2nd. Best bouquet for hand from plants or seeds purchased from R. H. Johnston (adies only)—Miss Mollet 1st. Sprays of flowers for ladies, best 3—Miss Mollet 1st, J. C. Mollet 2nd. Gentlemen's button hole, best 3—Miss Mollet 1st, E. Buckley 2nd. Best collection of rose blooms—Mrs. Jackson 1st, Miss Mollet 2nd. Best cottage garden display (to include fruit, vegetables and either pot or cut flowers, prettily arranged on tables 3x4 feet, provided by the association)—A. Ward 1st, D. Mansell 2nd. Field Produce—Grain: Wheat, spring—E. Lee 1st. Oats, white or black—E. Lee 1st. Peas, for agricultural purposes—E. Lee 1st. Beans, any variety—J. Horel 1st. Best collection grain—E. Lee 1st. Best collection grain in sheaf—W. McPhaden 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Onions on vine—J. Mollet 1st. Sheaf of fodder corn—J. Horel 1st, W. McPhaden 2nd. Collection forage plants—E. Lee 1st, E. F. Wilson 2nd. Hay and clover samples—W. McPhaden 1st. Miniature hay stack—E. F. Wilson 1st. Roots: Swedes, 6 roots—J. Akerman 1st, W. Grimmer 2nd. Turnips (cattle), 6 roots—J. Akerman 1st, T. D. Mansell 2nd. Mangold wurtzel, globe, 6—J. Akerman 1st, H. W. Bullock 2nd. Mangold wurtzel, long, 6—J. C. Mollet 1st, H. W. Bullock 2nd. Pumpkins, 1 heaviest—E. Horel 1st. Sugar beets, 6 roots—J. C. Mollet 1st. Carrots, long white, 6—D. T. Mansell 1st, J. C. Mollet 2nd. Carrots, short white, 6—H. W. Bullock 1st, W. McPhaden 2nd. Kohl Rabi, best 6—E. Buckley 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Best collection of field roots—J. Akerman 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Orchard Produce—Apples: 5 Keswick Codlin—W. Caldwell 1st, E. Walter 2nd. 5 Duchess of Oldenberg—G. Scott 1st, 5 Gravenstein—W. Caldwell 1st, Halley & Smith 2nd. 5 Alexander—H. W. Bullock 1st, J. Horel 2nd. 5 Maiden's Blush—B. E. Young 1st, H. B. Kelly 2nd. 20 one-ounce Pippin—J. J. Walsh 1st. 20 one-ounce Pippin—J. J. Walsh 1st. 20 one-ounce Pippin—J. J. Walsh 1st. Snow (or Fameuse)—G. Scott 1st, H. W. Bullock 2nd. St. Lawrence—J. Akerman 1st, Red Beltzheimer—B. Lundy 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Wealthy—G. Scott 1st, J. J. Walsh 2nd. Blenheim Orange—H. W. Bullock 1st, H. Caldwell 2nd. Yellow Bell Flower—E. Lee 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Lemon Pippin—J. Akerman 1st. Fall Pippin—J. Akerman 2nd. Pevankee—E. T. Wilson 1st. King of Tompkins—G. Scott 1st, Mrs. Mount 2nd. Ribbon Pippin—E. F. Wilson 1st, G. Scott 2nd. Rhode Island Greening—Mrs. Mount 1st, E. F. Wilson 2nd. Baldwin—E. F. Wilson 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Northern Spy—G. Scott 1st, W. E. Scott 2nd. Roxbury Russet—J. Akerman 1st, W. E. Scott 2nd. Sparr—Mrs. Mount 1st. Mann—W. E. Scott 1st, J. Horel 2nd. Ben Davis—Mrs. Cotford 1st, H. Caldwell 2nd. Canada Red—J. Akerman 1st. Gloria Mundi—W. Caldwell 1st, E. Walter 2nd. New York King—E. F. Wilson 1st, H. W. Bullock 2nd. Stark—W. Caldwell 1st. Canadian Reinette—H. W. Bullock 1st, E. Lee 2nd. Blue Parrah—J. Horel 1st, E. Walter 2nd. Salome—W. Caldwell 1st, H. Caldwell 2nd. Wolf River—G. Silvester 1st, G. Scott 2nd. Bottle Greening—Mrs. Mount 1st. Any other variety, named—J. Akerman 1st, J. J. Walsh 2nd. Best collection, not less than five varieties—W. E. Scott 1st, Mrs. A. Wilson 2nd. Pears: Bartlett—Mrs. Mount 1st, G. Scott 2nd.

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"The lady in question is, not unnaturally, reluctant to allow her name to appear. She resides on Walmer road, however, and has recently returned from an extensive tour of Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land. It was in the last-named region that the romance developed, and it was made clear that the grace of Canadian femininity are not less appreciated abroad than at home.

"While in Jericho this lady became acquainted with a Hebrew gentleman from Jerusalem who had scarcely returned from his introduction on Toronto tourist was enabled to visit a Bedouin encampment near Jericho, and to see the details of life in the black tents as few foreigners have been privileged to do. And while she was observing these novel details, the sheikh of the tribe was observing her with a keen eye. He had seen her in the desert, and he had seen her in the city of Jerusalem. He had seen her in the city of Jerusalem, and he had seen her in the city of Jerusalem.

"The fair Torontoian, unconscious of the fame she had lighted, returned to Toronto, and thence to Toronto. The desert chieftain remained in his tent, presumably trying to think what to do. He could speak no English, but he did not want to be deceived the idea of making an ambassador of the Jewish gentleman who had introduced the lady to his camp.

"The lady, however, returned to Walmer road when she was surprised to receive, through her Jericho acquaintance, a proposal of marriage from the sheikh. It was couched in Oriental idiom, and was equally Oriental in substance. The sheikh offered a price of \$200 for the lady's hand, on delivery to him in person.

"In any case the wife would be expected to perform the usual woman's work of the desert, and to carry on a carrying wool for the fires. However, as the wells near Jericho were inconveniently situated, the sheikh declared himself willing to move his camp to the desert, where the water was plentiful. He was willing to make almost any concessions, and he hinted that this offer of \$200 might be stretched a little if it was too low. He was in no mood to stick to a few dollars more or less.

INVESTIGATING CASE. Young Ladies Seized on the Burnside Road—Provincial Police Looking Into Matter.

THE SHEARWATER HAS ARRIVED AT COMOX

Officers of the Vessel Deny the Report That the Ship Was Ashore.

A special to the Times from Nanaimo on Friday reported that H. M. S. Shearwater arrived at Comox at 7 o'clock Thursday night, having finished her patrolling duties in Behring sea for the present season.

"On her arrival inquiry was made of the officers if the ship had been ashore, and a denial of the rumor published was obtained. The cruiser had met with no mishap since the beginning of August, and officers were surprised to hear of the reports that she had.

"The Shearwater has been on duty in the north since the beginning of August, and officers were surprised to hear of the reports that she had. The Shearwater will probably remain at Comox for a short time. Soon after returning she is to receive a refit preparatory to recommissioning.

"Habitués of the police court this morning heard of a little excitement from the investigation of an assault case in which Mrs. Verdere, who lives on Richmond avenue, was the complainant, and a middle-aged man named Charles Thompson, the defendant. The chief conducted the prosecution, and J. P. Walls appeared for the accused.

"The Victoria detectives had a case in hand last Saturday night which would produce a sensation were it to be ventilated in the police court, but as it is not the intention of the parties concerned to institute a prosecution, the full details will never be known. The case deals with the theft of a number of articles from a big local book and drygoods store, which had been going on for a considerable period. A complaint was made to the police several months ago, and Detective Sergeant Palmer advised that the clerks kept their eyes on the suspected party when she entered the establishment.

"On Saturday night the sergeant received a telephone message stating that the lady on whom suspicion fell was in the store. He dispatched Detective Macdonald to 'shadow' the suspect, and this he did to perfection. The lady was in the store reading a book, and closely watching her from the outside, although apparently looking at the contents of the window, was the detective. Suddenly he saw her slip some books inside a cloak she wore, with her disengaged hand. Shortly afterwards she left the store and proceeded to a well-known dry goods store, followed by the detective. Right here Detective Palmer and Perdue took her into custody. The former advised himself at the Broad street entrance to the big store, while Detective Perdue loitered carelessly about in the centre of the place. After a time the lady quickly left the store through the Broad street door and walked towards Fort street. Detective Sergeant Palmer crossed over and accosted her as she was walking in the street, near the corner of Fort and Broad.

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CYRUS H. BOWES, CHEMIST, 98 GOVERNMENT STREET. "LAND REGISTRY ACT" In the Matter of Lot 1615, Victoria City, and in the Matter of an Application of Behalf of Charles William Ringer for the purchase of an Indefeasible Title to Same.

DETECTIVES SPOTTED SLICK SHOPLIFTER Case Would Cause Sensation if Investigated in Court—Suspect Caught in the Act.

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